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1 Void Claims 18 - 37 and substitute the following:

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3 What is claimed is:

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5 38. A balloon display comprising:

6 A. At least one framework with a plurality of apertures and

7 B. A plurality of inflatable chambers that are at least partially  
8 inflated including:

9 (1) a first set of inflatable chambers comprising at least one  
10 inflatable chamber positioned so that said first set is  
11 circumscribed by at least a first portion of said at least  
12 one framework that defines an aperture; and

13 (2) a second set of inflatable chambers comprising at least  
14 one inflatable chamber positioned so that said second set  
15 is circumscribed by at least a second portion of said at-  
16 least one framework that defines an aperture;

17 (3) said first set and said second set being held within their  
18 respective apertures by positioning means; said  
19 positioning means including positioning means selected  
20 from the group consisting of:

21 B. at least one connector member joined by fastening  
22 means to said set of inflatable chambers and to said at  
23 least one framework;

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- 1 C. at least one connector member joined by fastening  
2 means to said first set of inflatable chambers and to at  
3 least one said second set of inflatable chambers;  
4 D. adhesive that is in contact with said set of inflatable  
5 chambers and in contact with circumscribing portion of  
6 said at least one framework; said adhesive not  
7 including adhesive that is spray applied by an end user  
8 to an overlapping cut expandable matrix framework;  
9 E. At least one area of surface that has been configured  
10 to increase resistance to movement between it and a  
11 contacting surface is included in surface contact  
12 between said set of inflatable chambers and  
13 circumscribing portion of said at least one framework;  
14 F. At least one member of the pair comprising;  
15 1- said set of inflatable chambers and  
16 2- circumscribing portion of said at least one  
17 framework  
18 being configured in multiple planes to conform to the  
19 shape of adjacent portion/s of said other member of  
20 said pair;  
21 G. At least one area of said portion of at least one  
22 framework that defines an aperture incorporates  
23 resilient, deformable matter that tightens the fit of the  
24 framework against said set of inflatable chambers.  
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2 39. The balloon display as recited in claim 38. further comprising said at  
3 least one connector member extending through at least one aperture  
4 in circumscribing portion of said at least one framework.

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6 40. The balloon display as recited in claim 39. further comprising at least  
7 one break or gap in the material defining said at least one aperture in  
8 circumscribing portion of said at least one framework; said break or  
9 gap being configured such that some portion of said connector  
10 member may be inserted into said aperture through said break or gap.

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12 41. The balloon display as recited in claim 40. further comprising said  
13 break or gap being configured such that said break or gap is resistant  
14 to said connector member exiting said aperture through said break or  
15 gap.

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17 42. The balloon display as recited in claim 38. further comprising  
18 said at least one connector member being at least one neck, stem,  
19 tab, protrusion or other extension of the material forming said set of  
20 inflatable chambers.

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22 43. A balloon display comprising:

23 A. At least one framework with a plurality of apertures;

24 B. At least one of said plurality of apertures being formed of  
25 framing elements that are joined with interlocking tabs; and

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1           C.    A plurality of inflatable chambers that are at least partially  
2                inflated comprising:

3                (1)   a first set of inflatable chambers comprising at least one  
4                      inflatable chamber positioned so that said first set is  
5                      circumscribed by at least a first portion of said at least  
6                      one framework that defines an aperture; and

7                (2)   a second set of inflatable chambers comprising at least  
8                      one inflatable chamber positioned so that said second set  
9                      is circumscribed by at least a second portion of said at  
10                     least one framework that defines an aperture;

11              (3)   said first set and said second set being held within their  
12                     respective apertures by positioning means; said  
13                     positioning means including positioning means selected  
14                     from the group consisting of:

15                    A. at least one connector member joined by fastening  
16                      means to said set of inflatable chambers and to said at  
17                      least one framework;

18                    B. at least one connector member joined by fastening  
19                      means to said first set of inflatable chambers and to at  
20                      least one said second set of inflatable chambers;

21                    C. adhesive that is in contact with said set of inflatable  
22                      chambers and in contact with circumscribing portion of  
23                      said at least one framework; said adhesive not  
24                      including adhesive that is spray applied by an end user  
25                      to an overlapping cut expandable matrix framework;  
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- 1 D. At least one area of surface that has been configured
- 2 to increase resistance to movement between it and a
- 3 contacting surface is included in surface contact
- 4 between said set of inflatable chambers and
- 5 circumscribing portion of said at least one framework;
- 6 E. At least one member of the pair comprising;
- 7 1- said set of inflatable chambers and
- 8 2- circumscribing portion of said at least one
- 9 framework
- 10 being configured in multiple planes to conform to the
- 11 shape of adjacent portion/s of said other member of
- 12 said pair;
- 13 F. At least one area of said portion of at least one
- 14 framework that defines an aperture incorporates
- 15 resilient, deformable matter that tightens the fit of the
- 16 framework against said set of inflatable chambers.
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- 18 44. The balloon display as recited in claim 43. further comprising
- 19 A. at least two said interlocking tabs with at least three exposed
- 20 edges comprising
- 21 1. at least one end edge and
- 22 2. at least two side edges and
- 23 3. at least three notches in a series along said side edges
- 24 including at least one notch that is preceded and followed
- 25 by a notch that is on an opposing side edge;

- 1           B.     at least one of said at least two said interlocking tabs being
- 2                 attached to at least one first framing element and
- 3           C.     at least one of said at least two said interlocking tabs being
- 4                 attached to at least one second framing element and
- 5           D.     said interlocking tab attached to said at least one first framing
- 6                 element being wrapped around said interlocking tab attached to
- 7                 said at least one second framing element such that notches of
- 8                 wrapped tabs fit together

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10     <sup>95</sup>  
11     ~~48.~~ The balloon display as recited in claim 43 further comprising at least  
12           two said interlocking tabs including

- 13           A.     at least one first said interlocking tab attached to at least one
- 14                 first framing element and having within its borders an aperture;
- 15                 and
- 16           B.     at least one second said interlocking tab attached to at least
- 17                 one second framing element and having a bulbous end or
- 18                 protrusion;
- 19           C.     said bulbous end being passed through said aperture; and
- 20           D.     said bulbous end being configured and positioned such that said
- 21                 bulbous end is resistant to passing back through said aperture

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23     ~~45.~~ A balloon display comprising:

- 24           A.     At least two frameworks with a plurality of apertures and
- 25           B.     A plurality of inflatable chambers that are at least partially
- 26                 inflated comprising:

- 1           1.    a first set of inflatable chambers comprising at least one  
2                inflatable chamber positioned so that said first set is  
3                circumscribed by at least a first portion of said at least  
4                one framework that defines an aperture; and
- 5           2.    a second set of inflatable chambers comprising at least  
6                one inflatable chamber positioned so that said second set  
7                is circumscribed by at least a second portion of said at  
8                least one framework that defines an aperture;
- 9           3.    said first set and said second set being held within their  
10                respective apertures by positioning means; said  
11                positioning means including positioning means selected  
12                from the group consisting of:
  - 13                B. at least one connector member joined by fastening  
14                    means to said set of inflatable chambers and to said at  
15                    least one framework;
  - 16                C. at least one connector member joined by fastening  
17                    means to said first set of inflatable chambers and to at  
18                    least one said second set of inflatable chambers;
  - 19                D. adhesive that is in contact with said set of inflatable  
20                    chambers and in contact with circumscribing portion of  
21                    said at least one framework; said adhesive not  
22                    including adhesive that is spray applied by an end user  
23                    to an overlapping cut expandable matrix framework;
  - 24                E. At least one area of surface that has been configured  
25                    to increase resistance to movement between it and a  
26                    contacting surface is included in surface contact

1                   between said set of inflatable chambers and  
2                   circumscribing portion of said at least one framework;

3                   F. At least one member of the pair comprising;

4                   1- said set of inflatable chambers and

5                   2- circumscribing portion of said at least one  
6                   framework

7                   being configured in multiple planes to conform to the  
8                   shape of adjacent portion/s of said other member of  
9                   said pair;

10                  G. At least one area of said portion of at least one  
11                  framework that defines an aperture incorporates  
12                  resilient, deformable matter that tightens the fit of the  
13                  framework against said set of inflatable chambers.

14                  C. Said at least two frameworks being connected with connection  
15                  means; said connection means including connection means  
16                  selected from the group consisting of:

17                  1. at least one said set of inflatable chambers that is  
18                  circumscribed by a portion of at least one framework that  
19                  defines an aperture is also circumscribed by at least one  
20                  portion of at least one other framework that defines an  
21                  aperture;

22                  2. at least one said set of inflatable chambers that is  
23                  circumscribed by a portion of at least one framework that  
24                  defines an aperture is connected by connection means to  
25                  at least one other inflatable chamber that is circumscribed



- 1 by a portion of at least one other framework that defines
- 2 an aperture;
- 3 3. at least one neck, stem, tab, protrusion or other portion
- 4 of said at least one set of inflatable chambers is
- 5 connected by fastening means to said at least two
- 6 frameworks;
- 7 4. at least one tab extension on at least one framework
- 8 connects by fastening means to at least one other
- 9 framework;
- 10 5. at least one tab extension on at least one framework
- 11 connects by fastening means to at least one tab
- 12 extension on at least one other framework.

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- 15 <sup>47</sup>~~48~~. The balloon display as recited in claim <sup>46</sup>~~45~~. further comprising
- 16 A. at least two said tabs with at least three exposed edges
- 17 comprising
- 18 1. at least one end edge and at least two side edges and
- 19 2. at least three notches in a series along said side edges
- 20 including at least one notch that is preceded and followed by
- 21 a notch that is on an opposing side edge
- 22 B. at least one of said at least two said tabs being attached to at
- 23 least one first frame and
- 24 C. at least one of said at least two said interlocking tabs being
- 25 attached to at least one second frame and

1 D. said interlocking tab attached to said at least one first frame  
2 being wrapped around said interlocking tab attached to said at  
3 least one second frame such that notches of wrapped tabs fit  
4 together

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6 47. The balloon display as recited in claim 45 further comprising  
7 interlocking tabs that connect said at least two frameworks

8 A. at least two of said interlocking tabs having at least three  
9 exposed edges comprising

- 10 1. at least one end edge and at least two side edges and  
11 2. at least three notches in a series along said side edges  
12 including at least one notch that is preceded and followed  
13 by a notch that is on an opposing side edge

14 B. at least one of said interlocking tabs being attached to at least  
15 one first frame and

16 C. at least one of said interlocking tabs being attached to at least  
17 one second frame and

18 D. said interlocking tab attached to said first frame being wrapped  
19 around said interlocking tab attached to said second frame such  
20 that notches in one interlocking tab fit into notches of other  
21 interlocking tab.

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23 48. The balloon display as recited in claim 45 further comprising  
24 interlocking tabs including a set of at least two interlocking tabs

25 A. the first being attached to at least one first frame and has  
26 within its borders an aperture; and

- 1           B.     the second being attached to at least one second frame and  
2                 having a bulbous end or protrusion; and  
3           C.     said bulbous end being passed through said aperture; and  
4           D.     said bulbous end being configured and positioned such that said  
5                 bulbous end is resistant to passing back through said aperture.

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7     <sup>50</sup> 49.     The balloon display as recited in claim <sup>46</sup>45 further comprising  
8             interlocking straps said straps incorporating matched sets of notches  
9             and/or slits that may be nested to hold one strap to another at  
10            predetermined intervals.

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12    <sup>51</sup> 50.     The balloon display as recited in claim <sup>46</sup>45 further comprising a portion  
13            of at least one said set of inflatable chambers that wraps around  
14            overlapping portions of said at least two frameworks.